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E-Legislative Update

March 11 – 17, 2013



March 11th marks the beginning of the ninth week of the legislative session. Wednesday, March 13th is the last day to consider bills in their house of origin. You can [contact your legislator](#) making your position on a bill known. You can do so by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, calling the legislator's Olympia office, or by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

Because the state budget is an overarching issue, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will provide updates on important milestones in budget development as well as focus on bills that impact the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the areas of education, health care, human services, economic development, and immigration. To learn more about the current budget, you can attend the House Ways & Means and Senate Finance Committee Hearings.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will be providing information weekly through our e-legislative update and website on committee hearings, bills, and other events of interest throughout the legislative session. Our e-legislative update provides a general overview highlighting a few bills of interest to the community while our website hosts a more extensive list of bills utilizing a [bill tracking](#) feature for those community members seeking more information. Highlights from the previous week can be viewed on [TVW's](#) Legislative Review.

Below are some scheduled meetings and hearings that might be of interest to you.

Education

Higher Education

03/14/13 1:30 pm

Senate Full Committee

Senate Hearing Rm 3

J.A. Cherberg Building

Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SHB 1669](#) - Concerning self-supporting, fee-based programs at four-year institutions of higher education.

Judiciary

03/14/13 1:30 pm

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm A
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SB 5618](#) - Including searches by school resource officers and local police school liaison officers within the warrantless school search exception.

Early Learning & K-12 Education

03/15/13 8:00 am

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 1
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [SHB 1177](#) - Modifying the education accountability system to allow state criteria, resources, and strategies to be used for assistance and intervention.
 2. [SHB 1423](#) - Providing for a single set of laws and procedures governing online learning.
 3. [2SHB 1680](#) - Implementing strategies to close the educational opportunity gap, based on the recommendations of the educational opportunity gap oversight and accountability committee.
 4. [2SHB 1723](#) - Concerning early learning opportunities.
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Health and Human Services

Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government

03/11/13 8:00 am

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm A
John L. O'Brien Building

Public Hearing: [HB 1915](#) - Developing recommendations to achieve the state's greenhouse gas emissions limits.

Public Safety

03/12/13 8:00 am

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm D
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [ESSB 5669](#) - Concerning trafficking

Health Care & Wellness

03/14/13 8:00 am

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm B
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [ESSB 5449](#) - Addressing the Washington state health insurance pool.

Health Care

03/14/13 10:00 am

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 2
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [HB 1339](#) - Clarifying the scope of practice for East Asian medicine practitioners and removing certain referral requirements.

Economic Development

Technology & Economic Development

03/14/13 1:30 pm

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm C
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SSB 5718](#) - Providing monitoring of the development of a one-stop portal for Washington businesses.

Information is current as of: March 8, 2013.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit <http://www.leg.wa.gov>.

CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.

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